

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the Attorney Laurie Butler Lawrence on 3/9/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 15 was cancelled.

Claims 1 was amended as follows:

"expression" on line 5th , 8th and 9th was deleted and each was replaced with -- protein --.

Claim 16 was amended as follows:

"15" on first line was deleted and replaced with --- 1 ---.

Claims 33 was amended as follows:

"expression" on line 2nd was deleted and replaced with --- protein levels--- .

Claims 34 was amended as follows:

"expression" on line 2nd was deleted and replaced with --- protein levels--- .

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The art does not teach or suggest a method for determining if a subject is at risk of prostate cancer recurrence, comprising determining an increase in the level of the PSMA protein of SEQ ID NO:1 in primary prostate cancer sample.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINH-TAM DAVIS whose telephone number is 571-272-0830. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LARRY HELMS can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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